

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on April 06, 2010 has been entered. Claims 1-33 are pending. Claims 19-26 are cancelled by the applicant.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Mr. Kiril Dimov on September 08, 2010. The applicant has agreed and authorized examiner to amend claims 1 and 27; and to cancel claims 2, 9, and 13-18.

CLAIMS:

3. Please cancel claims 2, 9, and 13-18.
4. Please replace claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 27, 30-33 as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for generating a password for a user, comprising:

presenting ~~[[said]] the~~ user with a ~~plurality of hints; first hint and a second hint wherein:~~

- (i) the first hint contains a first variation for a variable word,
- (ii) the second hint contains a second variation for the variable word,
- (iii) the first variation is different from the second variation,
- (iv) the first hint is produced by populating a template with the first variation, and
- (v) the second hint is produced by populating the template with the second variation;

receiving a user selection of one of the first hint and the second hint said hints; and

automatically generating a password based on ~~[[said]] the~~ selected hint;

~~wherein the generated password includes the variation for the variable word that is contained in the selected hint, wherein said password is generated by using a letter dictionary that provides rhyme and meter for one or more keyboard characters; and~~

~~presenting said selected hint to said user to reinforce said generated password, wherein said selected hint is a poem and said password has a similar rhyme and meter as said selected hint.~~

Claim 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]] the plurality of hints include~~ the first hint and the second hint include one or more of poems, songs, jokes, pictures or words.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password is further based on a user input.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting ~~[[said]] the~~ selected hint and ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password to ~~[[said]] the~~ user at enrollment.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending ~~[[said]] the~~ selected hint to ~~[[said]] the~~ user as a reinforcement of ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of recording ~~[[said]] the~~ selected hint and ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password in a record associated with ~~[[said]] the~~ user.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ selected hint is a poem and ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password has a similar rhyme and meter as ~~[[said]] the~~ selected poem.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ plurality of hints includes a plurality of words and ~~[[said]] the~~ generated password is based on a subset of ~~[[said]] the~~ words selected by user.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of generating one or more visual images to represent [[said]] the subset of [[said]] the words selected by [[said]] the user.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of generating a sentence to reinforce [[said]] the subset of [[said]] the words selected by [[said]] the user.

Claim 27. (currently amended) A apparatus for generating a password for a user, comprising:

a memory;

and at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

present said user with a first poem and a second poem, wherein:

(i) the first poem has a first rhyme and meter,

(ii) the second poem has a second rhyme and meter, and

(iii) the first rhyme and meter is different from the second rhyme and meter;

plurality of hints;

receive a user selection of one of the first poem and the second poem of said hints; and

automatically generate a password based on the selected poem; said-selected hint;

wherein the automatically generated password has a rhyme and meter that is similar to the rhyme and meter of the selected poem; and wherein said password is generated by using a letter dictionary that provides rhyme and meter for one or more keyboard characters; and

wherein the automatically generated password is generated by using a letter dictionary that provides rhyme and meter for characters that are found in the automatically generated password.

~~present said selected hint to said user to reinforce said generated password wherein said selected hint is a poem and said password has a similar rhyme and meter as said selected hint.~~

Claim 30. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein **[[said]] the automatically** generated password is further based on a user input.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising the step of presenting **[[said]] the** selected hint and **[[said]] the automatically** generated password to **[[said]] the** user at enrollment.

Claim 32. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising the step of sending **[[said]] the** selected hint to **[[said]] the** user as a reinforcement of **[[said]] the automatically** generated password.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising the step of recording **[[said]] the** selected hint and **[[said]] the automatically** generated password in a record associated with **[[said]] the** user.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 27, and 30-33 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior arts do not disclose (i) the first hint contains a first variation for a variable word, (ii) the second hint contains a second variation for the variable word, (iii) the first variation is different from the second variation, (iv) the first hint is produced by populating a template with the first variation, and (v) the second hint is produced by populating the template with the second variation; receiving a user selection of one of the first hint and the second hint; and automatically generating a password based on the selected hint; wherein the generated password includes the variation for the variable word that is contained in the selected hint., as set forth in claim 1.

The prior arts also do not disclose (i) the first poem has a first rhyme and meter, (ii) the second poem has a second rhyme and meter, and (iii) the first rhyme and meter is different from the second rhyme and meter; receive a user selection of

one of the first poem and the second poem; and automatically generate a password based on the selected poem; wherein the automatically generated password has a rhyme and meter that is similar to the rhyme and meter of the selected poem; and wherein the automatically generated password is generated by using a letter dictionary that provides rhyme and meter for characters that are found in the automatically generated password, as set forth in claim 27.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Taghi Arani can be reached on 571-272-3787. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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